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Rao Sahib L. C. GURUSWAMI :—" Sir, are the Government aware that the accidents chiefly occur in the traffic-congested centres where the trams stop for dropping or picking up passengers and the buses are allowed to run past by them ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member has given very valuable information."

Rao Sahib L. C. GURUSWAMI :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that the passengers to and from the tram cars are often subjected to danger to life on account of fast-plying buses by the side of the stopping trams ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is not a supplementary question."

Civil Justice

Alleged letter regarding a suit by Mr. Gawne to the District Munsif of Calicut.

* 1697 Q.—Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Mr. Gawne, the District Magistrate, Calicut, wrote to the Additional District Munsif of Calicut not to proceed with the trial of the suit, O.S. No. 57 of 1930, on the file of the latter ; and

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to call for the letter and the reply of the District Munsif, if any, and place them on the table of the House ?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.
(b) The High Court has been addressed in the matter.

Memorials from copyists in the Judicial Department.

* 1698 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any memorials have been received from the copyists working in the Judicial Department regarding their status and emoluments ; and

(b) if so, whether any orders have been passed thereon ?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given on the 15th October 1929, to his question No. 914, on the same subject. No memorial from copyists has since been received.

Memorials from copyists in the Judicial Department.

* 1699 Q.—Mr. K. V. SURYANARAYANA AYYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any memorials from the copyists in the Judicial Department bringing to the notice of the Government some of their grievances and requesting for the redress of the same ;

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken in that matter ;

(c) whether the Government propose to bring the copyists into the regular branch of the service with pension and leave allowances and with a minimum pay of Rs. 35 per mensem and, if so, when ; and

(d) if the answer to question (c) is in the negative, the reasons why it is not proposed to be done ?

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A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1698.

Marine

Communal representation in higher grade posts in the Madras Port Trust.

*1700 Q.—Mr. J. A. DAVIS: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number of appointments in the higher grade in the Madras Port Trust and how many of them are filled by Europeans, Indians and Anglo-Indians?

A.—As the hon. Member is aware the Local Government are merely the agents of the Government of India in regard to this matter.

The following statement shows the proportion in which appointments under the Madras Port Trust Board carrying a maximum salary of over Rs. 300 per mensem are held:—

	Number.
Europeans	17 (including five Harbour Masters.)
Anglo-Indians	6
Indians	6
Total ...	29

Assignment of Lands

Assignment of lands near Thambrahalli village.

*1701 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is proposed to allow the portion of land intervening between the Thambrahalli village and the river Hagari to be cleared of the growth of prickly-pear on it with a view to its assignment for cultivation; and

(*b*) whether the people of Thambrahalli have objected to the proposed clearance and assignment of land for cultivation; and, if so, with what results?

A.—(*a*) There is no such proposal before the Government.

(*b*) No such representation has been received by the Government.

Classification of waste lands under the Cauvery and Periyar systems.

*1702 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing—

(*a*) soilwar, the area and classification and present taram-rate of various waste lands in the taluks covered by the Cauvery and Periyar systems;

(*b*) the extent of the total area reserved for ex-service men, depressed classes; and

(*c*) the balance of the extent made available for the poor Muhammadan ryots?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have not the information asked for.